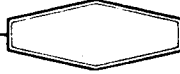


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Re: Grouse Creek Clay

Dear Ms. Wyatt;

As requested in your May 9, 1997, letter, the following is a more detailed description of the equipment and proposed method of mining the clay at the Grouse Creek site. The Cultural Inventory has been completed. I will send you a copy of the report when it is received.

## Equipment

1-D8 Dozer or smaller	1- 6 yd rubber tired loader	1- road grader
1- sanitation porta can	1- cell phone	1-refueling truck
2- personal vehicles	18 wheel haul trucks (as needed)	

## Manpower

Two men would be hired locally if possible. One man would be used to load the trucks and the other to operate the dozer and maintain the haul road. If local help were not available, outside help would stay at the motel in Montello, Nevada.

## Operations

The clay extraction would occur during the months of ~~May, June, and July~~ <sup>AFTER July 15<sup>th</sup></sup>. A dozer with a ripper blade would go to the site and loosen the clay to be hauled out. A rubber tired loader would load approximately ten- 18 wheel haul trucks per day. Each truck can haul



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35 tons. The number of days of operation would depend upon the demand for that year. We are anticipating a maximum need of 40,000 tons per year. In a maximum tonnage year, it would take 114 working days.

If repairs were needed, the approximate one-acre area by the gate that was used for loading out the test sample would be used. There would be a cell phone on site for communications. Porta cans would be used for sanitation purposes. Each man would carry water in Igloo type containers. A fueling truck would be used daily at the pit location.

I hope this provides sufficient information for the Environmental Assessment. If you need additional equipment or operational information please contact Don Killebrew at the Inkom plant (208)775-3351. For permit processing, please contact me.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

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Yours truly,

